



## IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For:

METHOD FOR THE PROCESSING OF HARD-

SHELLED CRUSTACEANS

## REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 1, 2004

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 1, 2004, the due date for response having been extended one (1) month, the following election and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

## Restriction Requirement

Claims 1-11 are now pending in the present application.

The Examiner has given the following Restriction Requirement:

Group I, claims 1-5, drawn to a method for removing meat from a hard-shelled crustacean;

Group II, claims 6-7, drawn to a method for preparing a stuffed crustacean;

Group III, claims 8-9, drawn to a stuffed crustacean; and

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